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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

This month's Chimes contains an article listing the different ways to pray for the elected officials of our country. With that in mind, the Lord has directed me to reprint a Chimes article from April of 2008. It too deals with the subject of prayer. I hope you are blessed by these articles and that your prayer life increases as we strive to make Bethel a house of prayer.

What words best describe your prayer life? Would the words passive, indifferent, hesitant, general, hurried or even fearful be found in your vocabulary? Or do the words confident, specific, caring, relentless describe the words that mark your life in prayer? God wants us as His children to approach Him with boldness and confidence, knowing that He will hear our prayers. Not only will He hear our prayers, He will answer them in His own will. If Bethel is to be a praying church we need to develop a serious attitude in prayers. Instead of just offering up a general prayer for that person, why not be specific when approaching our Lord with our request? If it is a health issue, name the problem and ask for intercession on behalf of the doctors and those treating the illness. If the prayer request is spiritual, name the area in the person's life that needs attention.

As your prayer life grows, consider keeping a journal of your prayers. In this journal, you can list the name or situation of what you are praying for, the date you began praying and then go back and record how the Lord intervened in the situation. I believe you will be blessed how God moves if we just communicate with Him.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Betty Tilly, Wilma Strange, and Joyce Kixmiller for their help with the Chimes last month. News for the November Chimes is due on October 19.

Thanks for sending me to church camp it was fun, we played games and all kinds of other stuff. I hope you can keep sending people there!

Thanks,
Ian Maddox

To Bethel,

We felt and sensed God's love in your hearts for us in our time of need.

Thank you for the loving hands who fixed the meal.

Humbly we thank you all.

-Family of Bob Strange

Bethel Church,

In light of your contribution to the Lighthouse Recovery Center, we all send our thanks and appreciation to all who have helped us.

Thanks again,
The Lighthouse

Dear Bethel,

Thank you for the wonderful blessing you have bestowed on us. It is greatly appreciated.

-Freelandville Community Home

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make my 90th birthday so very special. I feel so blessed to have so many who remembered me.

-Harold Wagner

Dear Folks of Bethel Church,

I so much appreciate the ways you have once again been there for me during my latest hospitalization and then my stay for rehab at the Freelandville Community Home. Summer is such a busy time, but you made time to call and check on me, to send cards, or to visit. Along with the care I was fortunate to receive at the Community Home, all of that meant a lot to me. Thanks, Pastor Mike and all of my fellow members!

-Dorothy Spanger

We would like to express our thanks to everyone for their participation in our cookout for our mission project. We were truly blessed with perfect weather, donations and much gratifying work and fellowship of family and friends.

-Thanks again,
Christian Partners Sunday school class

Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2009:

September/October	Worship Committee
November/December	Senior High Youth Group

Memorials

In memory of Nelda Horn:

Cemetery Fund

Allen and Kathy Horn

Jo Lee Hayes

Bethel Sunday School News

A new Sunday school year is underway and I am looking forward to serving as the Superintendent. I have been praying fervently for our Sunday school to grow and for all of us to feel excited about learning more about our faith. We are still in need of an Assistant Superintendent as of this writing. I would appreciate it if you would pray about this and search your heart to see if God is calling you to this position. I will also be starting to work on a committee for the children's Christmas program soon. Volunteers would be great! Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the Sunday school picnic. A special thanks to all who served on the committee. Even though it rained, it was still a great time to meet together, share a meal, and fellowship with one another. If you have been away from Sunday school for awhile, please come back and join us. Thanks and I will see you Sunday morning!

-Janet Clinkenbeard

North Knox Social Ministries

During the past year, NKSM gave food to 1712 families with 4,879 persons in them. Families can only get food once a month, though, so many are getting food 10-12 times during the year.

Many families were assisted with such things as doctor bills, eyeglasses, prescriptions, dental care, and utility bills through the Trabant Fund, NKSM, and FEMA.

A special thanks is given to everyone who provided deer meat, pork or beef for the food pantry. Also, thanks to individual and churches who gave fresh produce and all kinds of other food and non-perishables.

NKSM receives food from Catholic Charities in Terre Haute, Bread of Life Ministries in Lynville, Feeding America, and Midwest Food Bank in Indianapolis. The facility is open for clothing, kitchen items, bedding, furniture, used toys, etc. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m.

At Christmas time, 83 ladies received bath towels, wash cloths, either kitchen towels or dishclothes, and socks; 45 men received gloves, hankies, and socks; 143 children received new toys, gloves, and a stocking cap. Many Christmas items were given away.

For Easter, 65 baskets of plastic eggs, crayons, McDonald's toys, small stuffed bunnies, candy and Avon bubble bath, and many other Easter items were given away. Valentine and Halloween costumes and decorations have also been given away.

When school started, 66 children were given new school supplies, new underwear and new socks. New white t-shirts were given to the boys.

Thanks to all who gave clean, new or used clothes, furniture, toys, etc.

This year the building received new siding and guttering and some new lighting.

Lastly, Vaughn Hislip has been elected as co-president on the NKSM board and will be replacing Ned Kent.

Food Bank needs

Sue Hofer of America's Second Harvest recently spoke about what types of food are generally most needed for food banks. She said that food banks are perpetually low on protein. The Atlanta Food Bank, for example, lists peanut butter, canned tuna and soup among its top needs. If school is out, parents need to replace cafeteria fare. This would include food such as 100% fruit juice, powdered milk, cereal, canned veggies and macaroni & cheese and, of course, cash is always in short supply.

Women's Guild

Bethel Women's Guild will hold their October meeting on Wednesday the 7th at 1:30 pm. We will have our annual cookie exchange so bring your favorite cookie and we will try to sample all of them! I will be program chairman and Naomia Pepmeier will give the Extra Feature. Guild officers are hostesses and will provide table settings, beverage and a few extras.

-Helen Harbin

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Freelandville Autumn Festival

The Freelandville Autumn Fest which will be held on Saturday, October 3 will have a quilt show. Anyone wishing to display a quilt, please contact Lill Clinkenbeard of Doris Richter. We would like for you to put some history of the quilt with it and who it belongs to. There will also be a quilt on display to be given away. Proceeds from the drawing will go to the Freelandville Improvement Club.

Attention all men and young men!!!

You are invited to a
Ham and beans supper



Door prizes

October 4th

6:00 pm in the Social room

This will be a kick-off event for the Men's Bible study of 1st Timothy which will begin Monday, October 12th at 7 pm. The Bible study will run for 6 weeks and each meeting should last about an hour.

Make plans now to attend the ham and beans fellowship on the 4th and the Bible study beginning on the 12th.

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

Greetings from all of us at Bethel Christian Preschool. We are having a great school year.

We held our 10th Grandparent's Day on September 11th. Our theme this year was "Falling In Love With Jesus". The decorations were easy for me this year as I used the decorations from the wedding of my son Brian and his wife Amy. The gold, brown and orange leaves matched perfectly with the orange and gold chairs and carpeting in the Social Room. I always question the preschoolers on what they would like to eat or what Grandma and Grandpa would like to have for lunch. One little girl suggested I serve snapping turtle. I informed her I had no idea how to catch a snapping turtle, let alone cook one. She told me it was easy. All I had to do was add some BBQ sauce. Another child wanted to know if we could have a buffet? I had to laugh, as I never knew what a buffet was as a child. I do recall eating at Gimble-Bonds basement when I was little-what a treat! We did have a buffet and lots of food and desserts. We had 150 preschoolers and grandparents to eat lunch and enjoy our program. The 36 preschoolers sang songs before our meal, and I was so proud! They were perfect! They all sang loud, did the motions and were 100% well-behaved. I had many comments from the grandparents' on how they acted. Thank you, preschoolers! I want to thank everyone who helped me pull off this huge project. It was a wonderful day!

Now that Grandparent's Day is over, we have started making our letters and numbers. We are on number 2 and letter B. We are also learning how to write our names the correct way. Some of our penmanship has a lot to be desired at this point. We hope by Kindergarten Round-Up we will have improved.

We have learned about how God created this beautiful world and how he made the moon, stars, animals, sky, seas and everything. One little girl said, "Don't forget Adam & Eve." I told them on the 7th day, God rested. One little boy asked, "what did God do on day 8?"

I want to say a special thanks to Ray Hall who provides a Bible to each preschooler before leaving Bethel Preschool. I know they can't read their Bible yet, but they have a Bible to call their very own. Thanks, Ray, for your kindness and generosity. I recently had a mother tell me her daughter keeps her Bible in their van and pretends to read it. Another mother told me she heard her son last week reading to himself.

When she went to check on him, he was sitting inside his closet with his Bible from Preschool. She heard him say, "John baptized Jesus in the year 2004." How cute! Once again, my thank thanks to Ray Hall for providing these little ones a Bible of their very own.

The preschoolers and especially myself continue to appreciate the helping hands of our new assistant, Miss Ruth DeCoursey. Miss Ruth recently had a birthday and we had a surprise party for her with cake, gifts, and cards. She was surprised!

Thanks to Miss Ruth and Mrs. Durall for covering for me on September 18th. My husband and I made a fast and unplanned trip to Tennessee to surprise our son, Brian. One of his Minor League teams were playing in the playoffs. We had so much fun and the Jacksonville, Florida Suns won it all! We certainly shocked Brian as well when we appeared at the baseball stadium.

Soon we will be decorating our room with Fall decorations and also begin learning songs for our Christmas program. Take care and God bless everyone. Enjoy the cute story below.

God Bless,
Linda Chattin

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"



Life Lessons learned by Maya Angelou

'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.'

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.'

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

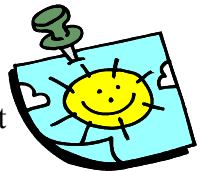
We are settling in very well as we are all getting into our routine on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are learning our colors, shapes, and how special we all are to God. We colored on the sidewalk with chalk one day. One little boy was happy God colored the church red. We had a lesson on our listening ears God gave us to hear His word. We are thankful our ears are little and not big like the donkey or elephant.

We did a lesson on obeying God just like Noah did when he built the big ark and put all the animals in for "a lot of days". We came up with many different sounds that we could have heard if we had been on board. Sometimes it is hard to obey and listen all in one is how one little boy stated it.

We enjoyed our Grandparents Day Celebration on Sept 3 with our cookies and punch. We had 59 in the morning and 53 in the afternoon. Some of my preschoolers who love to talk and sing had stage fright when they stood on stage and saw everybody looking at them. Others loved the idea of trying to find granny and pops in the crowd. A special thanks to all who helped in anyway.

We used scissors for the first time. One little girl told me she was to use those things because she liked to cut her sister's hair. I reassured her that cutting paper was the thing to do in preschool only. Hopefully I didn't get her in trouble at home later. Miss Ruth and I are learning that some of our kids don't like to get sticky or messy. We tell them these are things we are suppose to do, but we haven't been too good at convincing them of that idea.

We have given thanks and praise many times for the great weather we have had. We have gotten to play outside several times and will continue to take advantage of the nice weather while it lasts. While we know fall is quickly approaching, one little boy is so excited and wants to put snow on the chart for the first time. I keep saying it will hopefully be a long while and usually happens in the winter. Keep your fingers crossed.



God Bless and Happy Fall
Mrs. Durall

Bethel's Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped fund the various mission projects over these past couple of months. Bethel is fortunate to have so many creative people in its midst. Below is a list of the different projects that were put together for Bethel's Missions. The \$1,000 that was given to begin the projects grew into \$10,555. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Herman & Nancy Tilly	Friendship basket
Good Neighbors Class	Homemade ice cream
Wilma Chester	Blessings jar
Ray Hall	Cash blessing
Pastor Mike and Karen DeCoursey	Breakfast buffet
John and Jan Spanger	Andy Griffith dinner
Gordon and Janet Clinkenbeard	Andy Griffith dinner
Dale and Jane Tiek	Andy Griffith dinner
Mary Ann Miller	Catered meals at YMCA
Pam Loheider	Yard sale/Bake sale
Michael and Brandy Toney	Fruit cup stand
Linda Kixmiller	Jelly/Baked goods
Christian Partners Class	Cook-out
Christian Generations Class	T-shirts w/Bethel logo
Ernie and Monica Russell	Naylor candy sale
Kid's Club	Yard sale/Bake sale
Jr. High Youth Group	Painted furniture silent auction
Kevin and Linda Hammelman	Custom sprayer application
Mustard Seed Class	Cash donation
Marvin Richter	Cash donation

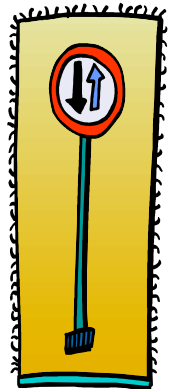
Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can You tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get To Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle: "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."



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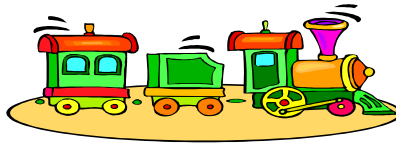
NKSM is once again collecting items to distribute to families for Christmas. Following is a list of suggested items to give. Items need to be turned in by Sunday, December 13. Thanks so much for all of your giving.

Toboggans and gloves
Dolls and doll clothes
Items for teen-age girls
Coloring books and crayons
Reading books
Games
Cars and Trucks
Basketballs, Soccer balls, Footballs
Puzzles for 2-3 years of age
Baby items:
Lotion
Powder
Shampoo
Baby wipes
Squeeze toys
Rattles
Bottles



For men: socks, hankies, gloves

For women: socks, gloves, bath towels, wash cloths,
kitchen towels, dish cloths



*There is a wonderful, mystical law of nature that the three things we
crave most in life-happiness, freedom, and peace of mind-
are always attained by giving them to someone else.*

Prayer for Pastors

A well spoken message stirs a heart to rejoice
There is nothing like a strong, resilient voice
But when sorrow comes,
there is no better gift to impart
Then the gift of a caring, pastor's heart

A loving touch or a kind word
A moment of counsel from God's holy word
A telephone call--after you just heard..
Is the gift of our pastor's heart.

Lord, bless this pastor
In each new day
Bless his ministry along the way
For fame and fortune can never impart
The precious gift of a caring pastor's heart

Just a servant of Christ
and at times a dear friend
With a desire to love God
To the very end
Tending his flock in the
Savior's way
Is the gift of a pastor's heart

Striving to live
as an apostle of Christ
Serving his father giving Godly
advice!
Preaching & teaching & sharing
the Word
Is the gift of a caring pastor's
heart.

-Sandra Adams

Prayers for the President and others in authority

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

-1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray that our elected officials would:

1. Recognize their personal sinfulness and need for the cleansing power of Jesus Christ.
2. Understand their inadequacy for the task before them and their need to pray for God's wisdom, knowledge, and courage.
3. Reject all counsel that violates the spiritual principles of God's Word and be willing to trust God to lead them in the right direction.
4. Resist the pressures of those who would lead them astray or tempt them to disobey the Lord and His will for their lives.
5. Work to reverse the trend toward ungodliness in our land and to restore America's Christ-centered values.
6. Be prepared to make godly choices in the best interest of America, regardless of the cost.
7. Rely upon the Word of God and prayer for strength and success.
8. Maintain dignity, honor; trustworthiness, and righteousness in office.
9. Strive to be a godly example to the men, women, and children of this land.
10. Remember that while in office, they are accountable to God for their attitudes, actions, and motives.

“Within the covers of the Bible are all the answers for all the problems men face. The Bible can touch hearts, order minds, and refresh souls.”

-Ronald Reagan

“It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible.”

-George Washington

“In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it.”-Abraham Lincoln

Parish Records:

Baptism: Taylor Mae Hammelman, daughter of Jerry Lee and Kate Hammelman, was baptized on Sunday, August 23 with Pastor Mike officiating.

Kate Hammelman was baptized on Sunday, August 23 at Freelandville Christian Church with Pastor Mike officiating.

Attendance:

Aug.	23	173
	30	158
Sept.	6	149
	13	134
	20	139
	27	141

Greeters:

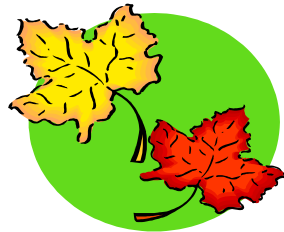
- October 4 and 11**
Laverne and Betty Tilly
- October 18 and 25**
Max and Sara Kixmiller
- November 1 and 8**
Sam and Cally Miller

Ushers:

- October Mark and Diane Telligman
- October 18 Youth

Nursery Notes:

- October 4 Stacy Page
- 11 Kelci Anderson
- 18 Kelci Anderson
- 25 Ramona Hammelman



Children’s Church:

- Oct. 4 Lenora McCrary/Patrick Sargent/Chris Horst
- 11 Cally Miller/Emily Telligman/Bonnie Organ
- 18 Micah Bowman/Tracey Kahre/Chris Horst
- 25 Brenda Maddox/Kelci Anderson/Nancy Tilly

Happy October Birthday to:

- Oct. 4 Helen Smith-(Happy 89th birthday)
- 7 Richard Boberg-(Happy 81st birthday)
- 14 Ruth Sager-(Happy 87th birthday)

Bethel Prayer Chain

“To develop a relationship with God-we need to talk-to take a few minutes every evening and tell Him about the happenings of the day and then it is time to be quiet, and in the stillness take time to listen to Him.”-Andrew Attaway

To share prayer concerns, call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 and the concerns will be passed on to other members.

Church Council Meeting

September 14, 2009

Pastor's report-approved and accepted as written.

Secretary's report-approved and accepted as written.

Treasurer's report-approved and accepted.

Deacon's report-approved and accepted.

Elder's report-The Elders met on August 18. Our search for the Youth Pastor is still going with not much response. We have decided to make the Youth Pastor a priority for our prayers during the worship hour. To kick-off our Men's and Women's Bible study, we decided to have a special night for the men of our area on October 4th and the women on October 5th. The men will have a bean supper and the women will have a PMS (popcorn, movie & sundaes) party. Goals are being looked at for the 2010 year.

Building and Grounds-We need the bricklayer to finish before the concrete can be poured. Estimated cost for replacement of the lower roof on the Volle side is \$7,300. We hope the repairs will hold for another year or longer. The council approved to extend the sidewalk around the North end of the education building. The preschool is painted and the new tile is being laid. There is a need for a job description of the Building and Grounds committee.

Old Business-The new phone messaging system is now working and we hope this will be an asset for our church congregation. Pastor Mike and Wendy are working on the many groups in the church. The two pews that need repaired are still being looked at.

New Business- The Sunday school picnic is set for Sunday, Sept. 20th. We will set up at 8 am. The deacons will look at a 5-year financial plan. The 2010 calendar was set for the Historical committee. One of the sanctuary air conditioners is not working. Garland will check into this.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We hope that the members will remember Pastor Mike and Karen in their prayers and let us all take the time to tell them how much they are appreciated.

October 2009

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